(c) As per the Constitution, policing is the responsibility of the State Government. Law and order in the Railway premises and the running trains is maintained by the State Governments, through the respective Goverment Railway Police. However, the Railways have taken the following steps to ensure safe travel to the passengers:—

(1) Anti-social elements are being removed from Railway premises and trains by Railway Protection Force.

(2) Proper watch is being kept by Coach Attendants/Train Ticket Examiners on the passengers entering into/detraining from the coaches and the coaches are properly locked during their run especially in night hours.

(3) First Informaiton Report (FIR) forms are made available with Train Guards/Station Masters/ Railway Protection Force to facilitate the travelling public to lodge reports immediately.

(4) Public is being advised through the Public Address system to take precautions in respect of unidentified and suspicious objects.

(5) Posters and Handbills are being displayed/distributed to the passengers warning them about suspicious objects.

(6) Sharing of Special Intelligence and Crime Intelligence between Railway Protection Force and Government Railway Police is being done at all levels.

(7) Instant Action Group consisting of Railway Protection Force, Commercial and Mechanical personnel are detailed in important trains for better safety and comfort of the travelling public.

Doubling of Bangalore-Tumkur-Whitefield-Ramanagaram rail line

2293. SHIR K. RAHMAN KHAN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the doubling of rail line between Bangalore-Tumkur-Whitefield-Ramanagaram at a cost of Rs. 200 crores included in the Budget would be taken up during the year;

(b) why only token provision is made in the budget;

(c) whether Government would consider forming a separate Corporation with Government of Karnataka to implement this project and raise resources from the World Bank, as part of the Mega city project; and

(d) if not, within what peirod the project would be completed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS, MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI RAM NAIK): (a) There is no such project. However, 4 doubling works *i.e.* doubling from Bangalore to Kengeri at a cost of Rs. 23.59 crs., Kengeri to Ramanagaram at a cost of Rs. 45 crs., Yeshwantpur to Tumkur at a cost of Rs. 80 crs. and quardrupling of Bangalore City to Krishnarajpuram at a cost of Rs. 85 crs. have been included in the budget. The doubling work of Bangalore-Kengeri and Kengeri-Ramanagaram have low operational priority and will be progressed as per operational necessity and after some of the ongoing works are completed. Work on other two doubling would be taken up after the requisite clearances become available.

(b) Token provision has been made because the works are either having low oprational priority or the clearances are not yet available.

(c) No, Sir. This would not be necessary as the throw forwards in doubling projects is such that all the ongoing doubling works would be completed in 5-6 years.

(d) The target dates have not yet been fixed for the above peojects.

Passenger Traffic between Cuddapah-Chittoor and other parts of the country

2294. SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any survey of the passenger traffic potential between the Cuddapah, Chittoor districts and other parts of the country has been conducted;

(b) whether it is a fact that this area is not sufficiently served by Railways;

(c) whether any new trains are planned by the South Central Railway in the next financial year; and

(d) if so, the details of proposals in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS, MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI RAM NAIK): (a) and (b) No, Sir.

(c) and (d) Introduction of additional trains in these areas and on South Central Railways is a continuous process on Indian Railways, subject to operational feasibility, resource availability and traffic justification.

Proposal for Ahmednagar-Pune-Nashik new Rail Line

2295. SHRI GOVINDRAO ADIK: Will the Minster of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received a proposal for Ahmednagar-Pune-Nashik rail line from the Maharashtra Government;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the details of action taken thereon, present status of the project/proposal; and

(d) the details of on-going surveys for new rail lines in Maharashtra approved during the current year and the present status thereof, alongwith allocation of funds made therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS, MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI RAM NAIK): (a) to (c) No, Sir. However, a survey for Pune-Nashik new rail line is presently in progress and the survey is likely to be completed during 1999-2000. Further consideration of the project will be possible once the results of the survey become available.

(d) Survey for a new line from Dahanu Road to Nashik Road has been sanctiond during the current year at a cost of Rs. 5.63 lakhs. The survey will be taken up shortly. Funds as required in the current year will be provided by re-appropriation.

Construction of an Under-bridge at LC No. 36 in Gujarat

2296. SHRI BRAHMAKUMAR BHATT: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the proposal for construction of an under-bridge at LC No. 36 in Gujarat was sent to Government;

(b) if so, the action taken by Government thereon;

(c) whehter work on the bridge construction has been started; and

(d) if so, by when it would be completed?